

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ABORIGINAL POPULATION - 4,881.

The Government Statist obtains particulars annually of the known aboriginal population through the agency of the Police Officers and also reports from Stations and Farms. An analysis of these indicates an aboriginal population about 30th June, 1939 of 4,881 excluding an unknown number in the Musgrave and Everard Ranges. The numbers recorded vary considerably from year to year, it being impossible to record those who have "gone bush".

CLASSIFICATION OF RECORDED ABORIGINALS AS IN JUNE, 1939.

	Full Bloods		Half Castes		T O T A L		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total
On Mission Stations							
In Employment	9	13	134	6	143	19	162
Others	200	184	334	477	534	661	1,195
Others in Employment	299	120	212	70	511	190	701
Dependants of Employed	141	140	110	163	251	303	554
All Other	811	767	355	336	1,166	1,103	2,269
Grand Total	1,460	1,224	1,145	1,052	2,605	2,276	4,881
Adults	1,117	914	708	574	1,825	1,488	3,313
Children	343	310	437	478	780	788	1,568

FULL-BLOODS - numbered 2,684 or 55% of the total, - divided thus - Adults 2,031, Children 653.

HALF CASTES (and lesser castes) numbered 2,197 (45% of total) Adults 1,282, Children 915.

ON MISSION STATIONS - On the several government and private mission Stations there were 1,357 aboriginals, of whom 162 were reported to be employed. On these stations there were 406 full-blood and 951 half caste.

IN REGULAR EMPLOYMENT - The total reported to be in regular employment was 863. In addition to the 162 employed on mission stations, there were 701 others recorded as employed - chiefly on pastoral holdings. These 701 employed aboriginals were reported as having 554 dependants.

ALL OTHERS - In addition to the 1,357 aboriginals on mission stations, and the 701 others employed with their 554 dependants, there were 2,269 others (1,578 full blood and 691 half caste) who could be accounted for by the various police officers and pastoralists. As stated above, there are still others in the wild state or "gone bush", for whom it is impossible to give even an estimated number.

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